

Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | September 27-October 1, 2021



Town Calendar

October 7 | 8:30 AM
Tourism Development
Authority Meeting

October 12 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners
Meeting

October 15 | 11 AM-1 PM
Shred & E-Recycling Event

October 15 | 6:00 PM
Family Art Night

October 20 | 12:00 PM
Senior Lunch & Learn

October 21 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board
Meeting

October 23 | 2 PM-4 PM
Halloween in the Park

October 28 | 6:00 PM
Autumn on the Square

Stay In Touch!



What a KILLER time we had at our Murder Mystery Dinner!

Last Saturday, September 25th, the Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department hosted the town's first ever Murder Mystery Dinner at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot. The event was a huge success for the department, and we appreciate all the support from our participants. We would specifically like to thank our Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for their outstanding help, as well as the North Carolina Blueberry Festival for their contributions. We look forward to holding this event again in the future for the residents and visitors of Burgaw.



Shred & E-Recycling event scheduled for October 15

Have sensitive documents that need to be shredded or an old TV laying around that needs to be tossed? If so, now is your chance to dispose of them properly!

Come by Friday, October 15th between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to have your documents shredded on-site and/or drop off any electronics you need to dispose of. This service is free to town residents and will be held in the Town Hall parking lot, located at 109 N. Walker Street. The next Shred & E-Recycle Event will be held in Spring 2022.

For questions, contact Kristin Wells, Town Clerk, at 910-663-3441 or by email at kwells@burgawnc.gov.





Join us for a family night out at our fall concert on October 28

Join the Town of Burgaw and Pender County Parks & Recreation for the first ever Autumn on the Square featuring the British Invaders Band. This concert is free to the public and will feature some of your favorite food trucks. The concert will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 28th. The concert will be held at the Historic Train Depot in the event of rain.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Burgaw Tree Board will meet on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30 PM to consider adopting the 2021-2022 Tree Work Plan. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, NC. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Applications are now being accepted for the Downtown Business Improvement District Façade Grant Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Downtown Business Improvement District Façade Grant Program. Complete applications will be presented to the Town Planning Board for approval. Complete applications must include a dated color photo of the current façade and a conceptual image that specifically identifies changes, color samples and materials used for each detail of proposed change. Two independent quotes detailing material and labor must also be included with the application. Projects are required to have approval from the Planning Board prior to any improvement work. After approved work has been completed, projects must be inspected and provide proof of payment before the reimbursement grant funds are issued. Please contact Jessica Gray in the Planning Department with any questions or to submit an application: 910-663-3452 or planning@burgawnc.gov.

Business SPOTLIGHT

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THE PROPERTY SHOP INTERNATIONAL REALTY

- WHAT:** The Property Shop is a real estate firm located in the heart of Burgaw. We help homebuyers and sellers accomplish their real estate dreams. We look forward to serving you!
- WHERE:** 213-B S. Wright Street, Burgaw
- HOURS:** Monday-Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- PHONE:** 910-663-9224
- EMAIL:** cristproperties@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook:
"ThePropertyShopBurgaw"

Want your business featured?

Each week, the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA) will select a registered business to be featured as TDA's Business Spotlight of the Week. Keep in mind that depending on the number of applicants, it may take time before your business is featured as Business spotlight of the Week. Provide all required details to register your business. Please only register your business once. Registration is only open to businesses inside the Burgaw corporate limits. Participants can register by visiting burgawnc.gov/spotlight.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism to start monthly Senior Lunch and Learn program

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Town of Burgaw will be hosting a Senior Lunch and Learn program at the Burgaw Community House. The first Lunch and Learn will be on October 20 at 12:00 pm. The topic is "Planning for Your Future," and lunch will be provided by the Laurels of Pender and Mema's Chick'n and Ribs. Please call 910.661.3100 to register. Registration is required.



Senior Pumpkin Decorating Contest

We will be hosting a Pumpkin Decorating Contest for seniors ages 55+. Decorate your pumpkin at home, then drop it off at Town Hall, 109 N Walker Street, October 25th-28th between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The deadline for pumpkin drop-off is October 28th at noon, and winners will be announced at 1:00 pm on the same day. Please pick up your pumpkin on October 29th to take home for Halloween.



Scam Alert: Important information from the Burgaw Police Department

The Burgaw Police Department has been made aware of a few "Financial Scams" that are soliciting information from our citizens. Financial Exploitation can come in many forms. Please be aware of some of the most used scams:

- Lottery or Sweepstakes - "You have won money, just send us processing fees to collect your winnings." If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. Don't send any money.
- Grandparent Scam - "Your grandson/daughter has been arrested, send money to bail them out." Verify with other family members and law enforcement if an arrest has been made. Bail cannot be posted over the phone or utilizing gift/money cards.
- Missed jury duty - "You have failed to report for jury duty, and you must pay the fine or be arrested." Contact the Clerk of Court to verify jury duty obligation. The courts will not ask for fees to be paid for jury duty violations.
- House repair/Traveling repair - "We have left over materials from another job and are willing to pave your drive or replace your roof cheap." Be aware of poor workmanship and don't give payment/money prior to work being completed and inspected.
- Bank Fraud - "I am from your bank/financial institution, and we need to verify information." Financial Institutions will not call and attempt to get personal information over the phone.
- IRS Scam - "Someone has used your Social Security number to file their taxes, we need to verify who you are." The IRS/NC Department of Revenue will not call and verify your information. They will contact citizens by mail with a request for you to contact a local office.
- Confirmation to Debit Account - "We are confirming with you to debit your account. Contact our telephone number below to authorize." If you did not make the purchase documented, contact your financial institution by the appropriate numbers, not the one on the scam letter.

These are just a few examples of Financial Exploitation. Keep these tips in mind; Never give out personal or financial information over the phone, online, or to strangers. If you receive phone calls about financial questions, don't give out information and just hang up. Call and report scams or suspicious inquiries to your local law enforcement. We monitor and investigate the types of scams and notify the appropriate state and federal authorities as well.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following **public hearings** will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM** (or thereabout) during the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street in Burgaw, NC. ***All interested parties are invited to attend; written and oral comments are welcome.***

Public Hearing #1. Consideration of a Major Special Use Permit for a Bed and Breakfast Inn and an Event Venue with Outdoor Use in the B-1 (Central Business District) to be located in the former Black's Hotel at 214 S. Dickerson Street. The property is further identified as tax reference number 3229-32-1278-0000.

Public Hearing #2. Consideration of a text amendment to the 2030 Land Use Plan and a map amendment to the 2030 Future Land Use Map.

Public Hearing #3. Consideration of an amendment to the official Town of Burgaw Zoning Map to rezone two tracts of land totaling +/- 16 acres located along Front Street on the west side of the street below Progress Drive Extension from RA(Residential Agricultural) to I-1 (Light Industrial). The properties are further identified as tax reference numbers 3228-47-1434-0000 and a portion of 3228-37-0868-0000.

Public Hearing #4. Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance requested by staff, to amend Section 8.13 to allow the height in the I-1 (Light Industrial) and I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to increase to 55 feet, Section 8.14 to add Cold Storage Warehousing in I-1 (Light Industrial), and Section 8.15 Use Standards adding additional submittal and review standards for Industrial (I-1 and I-2). Consideration of a text amendment of the Unified Development Ordinance requested by Town staff to add Appendix C – Town of Burgaw Technical Specifications to include Standard Details for Sewer, Water, Streets including sidewalks and Storm Sewers. Consideration of text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance requested by staff to amend Section 10.20 Water and Sewerage System (A) adding the word Gravity in two places and (C) amending the water supply line size internal to subdivisions shall be six (6) inches in diameter. Amending Section 10.21 Streets (L) Pavement to enable widths of streets with and without curb and gutter to match the Appendix C detail.



Press Release: Pender EMS & Fire welcome two strike teams

Sept. 28, 2021

For immediate release

Contact Division Chief Stacey Wright, 910-259-0891

BURGAW – The North Carolina Office of Emergency Services and North Carolina Emergency Management sent 10 strike teams to Southeast North Carolina today to assist with the large volume of emergency calls.

“We have seen a significant increase in EMS calls,” said Stacey Wright, Division Chief. “Pender EMS & Fire joined with New Hanover, Brunswick, and Robeson counties to request assistance from NCOEMS due to call volumes and extended wait times at the ER.”

Pender County received two strike teams. Today one team was assigned to the west side of Pender County and the other assigned to the east side.

“After just a few hours on assignment, the crews have already responded to five calls,” said Wright.

Pender EMS & Fire have not missed an Emergency Medical Service call, but the extra crews give the Pender EMS crews a chance to breathe.

Division Chief Stacey Wright states that the administration of Pender EMS and Fire are extremely proud of the staff’s dedication since the COVID 19 began. The increase in calls, risk factors, hospital wait time, and long shifts have made it difficult at times but they have remained strong and dedicated to the Citizens.

“A lot of our calls are COVID-related,” said Wright. “The hospital has been extremely busy and sometimes our crews wait on average 1.5 hours. That means they are out of the area for a substantial length of time. Having the two extra crews will help us considerably.”

The two strike teams are assigned to Pender County for the next 10 days. If the state’s offices of emergency management and emergency services feel the demand for assistance continues, they have the option of reauthorizing the teams for an additional stay.

The state offices assigned four strike teams New Hanover; Robeson County received three teams, and Brunswick and Pender received two teams each.

“We appreciate the assistance,” said Wright. “It gives our crews a chance to catch their breath.”

For emergency services, dial 911. For questions, call 910-259-0891.



Senior Bingo fun

Senior activities in Town are gearing up! We kicked everything off by hosting Senior Bingo on September 23rd with 15 participants. The Laurels of Pender sponsored the event and helped provide prizes for bingo winners. Beginning in November, bingo will be held once a month, so keep an eye on our calendar at burgawnc.gov/seniors.



with the Town of Burgaw!



Get out and RECRE8 with us!

Did you know that parks and open spaces are essential to wellbeing, and our environmental and ecological survival? Green spaces protect habitat, biodiversity, and ecological balance. Together, these improve air quality by reducing carbon dioxide, Sulphur dioxide and other air pollutants.

Get involved today with the Town of Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department by visiting burgawnc.gov/rec/



What's COOKING IN OUR TOWN



CHEWY CHOCOLATE CHIP OATMEAL BREAKFAST COOKIES

You Will Need

- 2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 c. uncooked quick oats
- 1/4 c. chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a non-stick cookie sheet with cooking spray.
2. Combine the mashed bananas and oats in a bowl.
3. Fold in the chocolate chips and place a tablespoon of each on the cookie sheet.
4. Bake 15 minutes. Makes 16 cookies.

***Have a favorite recipe you would like to share
with your community?***

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town!*
Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov
or drop off at Town Hall.

**Interested in being a vendor at Burgaw's
biggest shopping event of the year?**

Visit BurgawNC.gov/Christmas

2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority

First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

Police Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM



Town Hall

109 N. Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425
910-259-2151
mail@burgawnc.gov
www.burgawnc.gov

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities

663-3445

Parks & Town Events

300-6401

Human Resources

663-3444

Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

Public Works Department

259-2901

Police Department

Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department

Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor

Kenneth T. Cowan

Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners

Jan Dawson
James Murphy
Bill George
Vernon Harrell

Town Manager

James H. Gantt

Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark

2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

EAST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 14
July 28
August 11
August 25
September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15
December 29

WEST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 7
July 21
August 4
August 18
September 1
September 15
September 29
October 13
October 27
November 10
November 24
December 8
December 22

"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

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Sign up with "Notify Me" on our website to receive the weekly newsletter and other important information directly to your email and/or via text message!

Visit BurgawNC.gov to sign up today!

BURGAW, NC

T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just \$10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.



Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority



Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.